

Board Briefing Summary

Student Recruitment and Enrollments / Student Activities and Services

Dean of Students

We are ready and eager to celebrate our August 2022, December 2022 and May 2023 graduates and student achievements. Here is the list of Graduation Week events:

- Monday, May 15th, 5pm, Kepler Early College Degree Program Celebration
- Tuesday, May 16th, 6pm, Kepler Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony
- Wednesday, May 17th, 6pm, Kepler, Program of Adult Literacy Service Recognition Ceremony
- Thursday, May 18th, 7pm, ARCC Honors Convocation Ceremony
- Saturday, May 20th, 9:30am, ARCC Annual Commencement Ceremony
- Saturday, May 20th, 1pm, Kepler Nursing Pinning Ceremony
- Saturday, May 20th, 1pm, ARCC Health Sciences Pinning Ceremony

Three of HCC's faculty are also busy working with our selected student speakers:

- Commencement:
 - **Josef Ricafort** (Associate of Science Degree with Concentrations in Biology and Chemistry, Early College Degree Program, Phi Theta Kappa, Hagerstown, MD, 17 years old)
- Honors Convocation:
 - **Elizabeth Levasseur** (Associate of Science Degree with Concentration in Biology, Early College Degree Program, Hancock, MD, 18 years old)
 - **Ofelia Vargas** (Associate of Science Degree with Concentration in Business Administration, Phi Theta Kappa, Falling Waters, WV, 41 years old)

Career Development, Internships and Job Services

The **Spring 2023 Job and Internship Fair** was held on **April 5th from 10 am – 2pm in the Student Center**. Nearly 50 employers and 85+ students participated in the event. Student engagement with the employers was highly active for the duration of the event; employers reported they were pleased with the student participation. Several on-site interviews were conducted.

Prior to the Job and Internship Fair, a **Resume and Cover Letter Workshop and How to Make the Most of a Job Fair Workshop** were conducted to help students prepare for the job fair and future job opportunities. Students who attended the workshops shared that they felt confident and well-prepared to meet with employers at the Job and Internship Fair. They came to the event with copies of their resumes, a list of questions they wanted

to ask employers, and a plan for the employers they were seeking to connect with at the event.

The ARPA-HCC Sub-Grantee proposal was approved by the Washington County Board of Commissioners on March 28th and the \$175,000 ARPA sub-grantee funds have been received from Washington County Department of Business Development Office. Laura Scafide, Jack Drooger, Maureen Iskra, and Justina Shaw are the lead team members working together to implement the grant initiatives by June 30, 2024. The funds will be used to fund two career expo events (one in November 2023 and one in April 2024), to provide workforce training scholarships, and to provide funding support for entrepreneurial training through Hagerstown StartUp Week.

The HCC Career Closet Pop-Up Shop was held Monday, April 17th through Thursday, April 20th in the Student Center, Upper Dining Area. Over 1,100 items were given away to nearly 250 visitors, nearly double compared to 2022. The clothing drive was held from September through March, with collection boxes on campus, the Valley Mall, the Washington County Public Schools Central Office, and the Chamber of Commerce Office. Generous donations provided an opportunity for each student to take up to ten items each. An Appreciation Lunch will be held on May 15th for the teachers and students with the WCPS Campus Connections program to recognize their year-long support and hard work that make this event possible and so successful.

Here are some comments HCC students made during the event:

"I have a summer job lined up that I need to dress up for. My Mom told me to figure something out since I am on a limited budget. I just called my Mom and told her I figured it out!"

"I really like to dress this way. I just can't afford to dress this way"

"I'm starting a Pharmacology program in the Fall. This helps me so much."

(Teary-eyed student) "This means so much to me. Now I have all the clothes I need for summer and don't have to buy anything."

"My place burned down and my Dad and I are living in a hotel. Things have been really rough lately. Thank you for doing this."

Athletics

Outdoor Track & Field – Four members of the HCC Outdoor Track & Field teams are headed to New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, NM to compete at the National Championships on May 18-20, 2023. Three women qualified for nationals: Josey Reineman (Chambersburg Area HS) in the high jump, Gabby Cook (Boonsboro HS) in the high jump, and Mikaila Ek (Berkeley Springs HS) in the pole vault. For the men, Tommy Bildheiser (Lebanon, PA) will compete in the 800 meters.

Golf – Jaxson Schultz (Boonsboro HS) shot well with rounds of 72, 77, and 77 at the Region/District championships but did not qualify for the national championships. Jaxson

finished off a strong season, followed by Noah Hoffinger (Middletown HS) shot three rounds in the 70's to finish respectably as well.

Baseball – Dylan Moser made the All-Tournament team at short stop, however, the Hawks were eliminated from the Region 20 tournament on Day 2 when they took their 2nd loss at the hands of Monroe College, NY. Coach Scott Jennings earned his 700th win during this season, another milestone in his coaching career.

Softball – Sydra Royer (Greencastle-Antrim HS) hit two home runs, one in game 1 and one in game 2, of the double header against Catonsville in the first round of the Region 20 tournament. Maddie Heuer added 2 RBI's on the day to keep the scoring going. The #5 seed Hawks rebounded from a pair of losses to Catonsville in the regular season to beat the Cardinals 8-0 and 4-0. The Hawks enter the double-elimination round and face the top seed Potomac State on Thursday, at 2:00 p.m. The tournament is being held at Catonsville and runs from May 11-13.

Alumni – On Saturday, May 13, the Athletic Boosters are hosting a HCC Alumni Volleyball Mixer. The doors will open in the ARCC at 12:00pm and the games will begin at 1:00pm.

Hall of Fame - Nominations are being accepted for the 2023 Hall of Fame by accessing our Athletics website. The induction ceremony will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023.

Credit Curriculum Development and Teaching and Learning Matters

MD Labor interviewed representatives from HCC and the Western MD Consortium regarding our ESL to CNA pathway. The resulting article, “Employment Pathways for English Language Learners: How English as a Second Language Career Training at Hagerstown Community College Works to Address the Bilingual Healthcare Worker Shortage in Western MD” was posted on their website.

The HCC Theater Department presented Chicago on April 28, 29, and 30. The total attendance was 603 people was \$6,991 dollars raised through ticket sales.

Graphic Design student Bashair Yaser is completing his internship this semester at Havana Media. General Manager Sonia Johnson is so pleased with Bashair's work that she is interested in having more interns from HCC.

HCC's RDG095 Reading Strategies for College Success is the first course to become fully QM certified. Congratulations to Sonjurae Cross and the DEALS Division.

Workforce Solutions and Continuing Education

- WSCE has awarded \$195,958 from the GEER 2 grant to provide scholarships for 184 students to date. This grant ends on June 30, 2023.
- WSCE has awarded 54 students a total of \$37,128 from the MHEC's Workforce Development Sequence Scholarship.
- **WSCE Allied Health**
 - Nurse Refresher began April 3 with 9 students.
 - Medical Assisting (9 students), Phlebotomy (11 students), and CNA/GNA (6 students) programs.
 - ELL Certified Nursing Assistant program had 7 students successfully complete the CNA Clinical
 - ELL CNA/GNA students completed an Acute Care internship at Meritus and to be paid through Western Maryland Consortium in April.
 - The ELL CNA/GNA and Phlebotomy programs were recognized by the Maryland Department of Labor. This link will take you directly to the article:
<https://www.labor.maryland.gov/employment/success/wdsuccesshagerstowncc.shtml>
 - WSCE is working with the Asian American Training Center to offer additional certifications for Community Healthcare Workers (CHW) such as Working with Alzheimer Patients training. Curriculum Development complete. Class offerings began on April 28 and concluded on May 5.
 - WSCE is working with WCPS to offer CNA/GNA training to High School students under the Maryland Blueprint. Plan for lab space development is in progress. Instructor search in progress.
 - Certified Medicine Aide initial certification is being offered as an open enrollment course at the request of CNA/GNA Advisory Committee The course began on March 24 and will conclude on June 9th. We have 7 students enrolled.
 - Certified Peer Recovery Specialist is being discontinued. UMD is offering this program online free of charge with few barriers. We will refer students to this program and revisit offering this program when the UMD grant ends.
 - Working with Kinesthetic Solutions owner and licensed Massage Therapist, to potentially develop a Massage Therapy program
 - CNA/GNA program reapproval due July 1, 2023.
- **College for Kids**
 - Biomedicine and Biotechnology scholarship camp provided by AHEC West has been officially awarded and all 12 participants are awaiting the start of camp.
 - JLG Engineering our Future Camp on the intermediate level has seen an overabundance of applications and all 15 slots will be full.

- Summer Youth Programs launched a payment plan option for parents for the first time this year and parents were receptive and appreciative.

- **Personal Enrichment**
 - Students are eager to return to trips and travel. Recently, students traveled to Annapolis to enjoy the May Day festivities.
 - Personal Enrichment traveled to the National Theater for a spectacular performance of Aladdin.
 - Art classes have been going well and we are looking to increase the class offerings with the assistance of credit and cross listing classes.

- **Business**
 - Spring Management Bootcamp classes ended 5/4/2023, graduating 13; generating over \$12,000 in revenue
 - Contract training signed with Parker Plastics – Lean Manufacturing class
 - In the process of developing a non-profit management class- expected to start Fall 2023
 - New course offering: Public Speaking- Fall 2023

- **Certification and Licensure:**
 - New course offering: TIPS Certification to be offered starting Fall 2023
 - New course offering: Project Management (PMP), Agile, and Six Sigma Green Belt
 - New Course offering: Tax Preparer- Fall 2023

- **Transportation/Trades/Tech**
 - Adding summer specialty blacksmith class for current entry-level students; met with new blacksmith instructor who will teach couples "date night" classes on simple topics such as crafting an ornamental hook or bottle open (beer optional).
 - Contract training on scheduled for Volvo Construction in Shippensburg on specialty Microsoft Excel topics; next week contract CDL training for Washington County Government and Hagerstown Fire Department.
 - Responded to an RFP to provide Driver Ed services for Washington County Department of Social Services. Met with a DSS representative regarding clients for a Vehicles for Change application; Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) clients will need to justify continued food stamps again beginning in July.
 - May welding classes starting with enrollment of 30 students (three full sections); long term instructor ill and replaced with a new instructor on boarded via credit.

- Initial planning meeting for Career Expo at HCC in Nov. 2023 and April 2024; Public Information working on initial graphics and verbiage.
- Washington County Free Library is contracting for their Bookmobile operators to receive a commercial driver's license (Class B) and will be first to use ARPA grant scholarships.
- Consulted with Tri County Pumps for Spanish language training for sales office and technicians; also conducting Level II Excel training for the company.
- Hosted the Manufacturing Roundtable meeting on April 21 for area businesses and provided presentation on services from MEP and the Maryland World Class Consortia.